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Re: Cochise Water Outages/McClain Water; Docket Nos.

W-01646A-03-0601 W-01868A-03-0601 W-02235A-03-0601 W-02230A-03-0601 W-01629A-03-0601 W-02240A-03-0601 W-02316A-03-0601

## Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing today to follow up on Tuesday's Open Meeting, where we discussed the problems surrounding the John McClain water companies. As was noted by all Commissioners, this is a matter of great importance to the residents of Hereford, and the Commission has properly stepped forward to begin the process of repairing this broken water system.

Here are the key actions I believe the Commission agreed to pursue with regard to the McClain system:

- 1. A town hall meeting in Hereford to talk directly with individuals who have been impacted by the problems with these water systems.
- 2. A joint letter from the Commissioners to the Cochise County Attorney or Sheriff regarding possible sabotage of the water system.
- 3. Outreach to other private water companies across the state to help Cochise Water with aid, in the form of donations. While this is already being done by ASUA members, I believe we should also reach out to other groups, such as IOWUA for their assistance.
- 4. Future Commission actions: Examining a potential hook-up moratorium for the system, developing a map of the water companies, and encouraging a new owner to purchase the system.

I will work to organize the town hall meeting and will be in contact with you and your staff to find an appropriate time and location for the meeting. I appreciate the efforts of ASUA, and the Bella Vista Water Company, in grappling with this situation. Most of all, I commend the people

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of Hereford and the surrounding area for their patience and perseverance through this difficult time.

I look forward to working with you in the days and weeks to come as we continue to deal with this issue.

Sincerely,

Kris Mayes

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